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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-18982-2023
Date of Decision: April 03, 2024

ANIL KUMARPetitioner
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANRRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Chahat Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Bilawal Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Pankaj, Advocate for respondent No.2.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

By way of this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. the petitioner prays for quashing of case bearing FIR No.20 dated 30.01.2023 registered under Sections 457, 380 and 411 of IPC at P.S. City-1, Sangrur, District Sangrur, along with all consequential proceedings arising out of the same on the basis of compromise.

2. As per the allegations levelled in the FIR, the electric wires which were stolen from the shop of complainant-respondent No.2 were recovered from the petitioner. Though there are total three accused persons mentioned in the FIR, however, only the present petitioner has approached this Court.

3. This Court issued notice of motion vide order dated 19.04.2023 and on 16.01.2024 directed the parties to appear before trial Court for getting their statements recorded as regards the veracity of the compromise arrived at between them.

4. In pursuance to the order dated 16.01.2024, a report dated 07.02.2024 has been received from the concerned Court, stating that the compromise in the present case is genuine and voluntary.

5. Thus once, the compromise has been arrived at between the parties without any pressure and respondent No.2 has no objection as regard quashing of FIR as well as all other subsequent proceedings arising out of the same against the petitioner; the dispute purely personal in nature, there does not appear to be any impediment as regards quashing of present FIR, in part, qua the petitioner. Even, in order to maintain peace and harmony between the parties, particularly under the circumstances wherein the alleged offences have no societal interest involved, it would be appropriate to render complete quietus to the aforementioned dispute by quashing the FIR in question, qua the petitioner, on the basis of compromise entered into between the parties.

6. The parties having settled their dispute so as to live in peace in future, no useful purpose would be served by proceeding further with the criminal proceedings. In the light of above developments, no cause remains for the trial Court to invest further time and effort in adjudicating this FIR. The compromise in question is even found to be fully in consonance with the direction issued by the Court in ***Kulwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab 2007(3) RCR(Criminal) 1052 and Gian Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Anr., 2012(4) RCR (Crl.) 543***”.

7. Further, learned counsel for the petitioner, while placing reliance upon the judgments passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ‘Jayrajsingh Digvijaysinh Rana Vs. State of Gujarat and Another’, 2012(4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 589 and this Court in ‘Joginder Singh & Another Vs. State of Punjab and Another’, passed in CRM-M-23739-2010 decided on 27.04.2011, ‘Rajinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Another’, passed in CRM-M- 37395-2016 decided on 16.05.2017 and ‘Vimal Kalra & others Vs. State of Punjab & another’, passed in CRM-M-20355-2022, decided on 25.07.2022 submits that partial quashing of the FIR is possible on the basis of a compromise.

8. Thus, in view of the aforesaid report, accompanied by statements of both the parties as well as keeping in mind the law laid down in the aforementioned judgments, the FIR No. 20 dated 30.01.2023 registered under Sections 457, 380 and 411 of IPC at P.S. City-1, Sangrur, District Sangrur along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed qua the petitioners.

9. The aforesaid order shall, however, be subject to payment of Costs of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited with the Poor Patients’ Welfare Fund, PGIMER, Chandigarh within a period of two weeks from today.

03.04.2024

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No